

MUST DRAIN LAND IN VALLEY

P. W. Dent Tells Lions' Luncheon Some Farmers Taking Too Much Water.

Drainage is the solution for the excess moisture now in the land in some parts of the valley under the Rio Grande project, P. W. Dent of the legal department of the United States reclamation service, told the Lions at the weekly midday luncheon held at the Ziegler Tuesday. Mr. Dent was the principal speaker at the luncheon and one of the invited guests.

Mr. Dent reviewed the project from the beginning. In explanation of the fact that water rises higher in the valley lands now than ever before he declared that the salt deposited from time to time has raised the bed of the river and caused more seepage into the adjacent lands.

Lands Receive Too Much Water.

"Another reason," he continued, "is the fact that whereas formerly the river ran dry in the summer, giving the lands an opportunity to drain, now there is a plentiful supply throughout the year. With this plentiful supply of water farmers are inclined to use too much in irrigation. The result is that the lands are receiving too much moisture and the only solution is the building of drainage systems, which are now being undertaken. On our newer projects we are providing for drainage in advance of the actual need for it."

Newton C. Bassett, another guest, sang several songs and sprang some

THREE GRADUATE AT MINES SCHOOL

Program is Completed For Commencement Exercises at the State School.

The graduation exercises of the Texas School of Mines will be held Tuesday evening, May 29, at 8:30 o'clock in the assembly hall of the college.

The graduates, who have the distinction of being the first class to graduate from the college, are Vere Laasure, Clyde Ney and Lloyd Nelson.

The invocation will be given by Rev. Henry Easter. Miss Zula Robinson will sing "Somewhere a Voice Is Calling," accompanied by Mrs. V. L. Bean on the piano. Miss Minna Edwards on the violin and Miss Ruth August on the cello. Rabbi Martin Zielonka will deliver the commencement address. An orchestra will play a musical selection. The diploma will be presented to the graduates by Judge Bergegard Bryan. "La Golondrina" will be sung by a quartet composed of Miss Zula Robinson, Miss Anna Axon, Walter Davis and Cecil Davis.

Mrs. V. L. Bean will play the piano accompaniment. Miss Minna Edwards a violin obligato and Miss Ruth August a cello obligato.

The program will close with the benediction, delivered by Rev. Henry Easter.

new musical jokes, which were greatly enjoyed.

The following were present: R. C. Woods, Dr. E. J. Cummins, A. J. Fraser, H. W. King, A. E. Ryan, Jasper Woolridge, Newton C. Bassett, Carl C. Hill, P. W. Dent, R. F. Davis, Wm. R. Taylor, P. C. Hecox and Leo Ferlet.

AUSTRIANS ARE STILL GAINING

Advance on Both Sides of Sugana Valley, Driving Italians Before Them.

Berlin, Germany, May 22.—(By wire)—Saville, L. I.—The Austrians are successfully continuing their offensive against the Italians in the southern Tyrol, according to the war office announcement today. They have advanced on both sides of the Sugana valley, driving the Italians before them.

The following account of recent operations was given out today by the Overseas News Agency:

"In the southern Tyrol before the present offensive movement was initiated, the Austro-Hungarian front ran from the northern end of Lake Garda to Mori, southwest of Rovereto, along the Terragnola valley to the south-east edge of Polgar plateau, to the east edge of Lavarone plateau, through the Sugana valley to the west of Borno, across Mount Colio and thence to the northeast."

"On May 14 the Austro-Hungarian artillery became active at many places along this front."

Austrians Begin Advance.

"Early on the morning of May 15, Austro-Hungarian troops were able to advance at several places in the sector from a point below Rovereto to the eastern edge of Polgar plateau, on account of the excellent results obtained by the artillery. The first Italian position was taken with very small loss for the attacking troops and 600 Italians belonging to one of the new regiments formed during the war, were captured. These men had arrived recently at the front."

"In the Terragnola valley the enemy resisted tenaciously at several places but by evening his resistance was broken. At many places the Italians were driven far beyond their first line positions. In this day's fighting there were captured 45 officers, more than 2500 soldiers, three cannons and two machine guns."

Attack On Whole Line.

"On May 16 the attack was renewed along the whole line. The Austrians captured a position on the eastern end of Polgar plateau which according to an Italian order, a copy of which was found, was designated as one of the chief points of resistance to be defended to the utmost. In the Terragnola valley points of support which until that time had been defended stubbornly, were captured."

"Austro-Hungarian forces advanced everywhere on May 17. They captured territory to a depth of seven kilometers more than four miles."

Cross Italian Frontier.

"At some points the victorious troops crossed the Italian frontier and at other points they advanced close to the border."

"In order to appreciate the significance of these successes, it must be remembered that the fighting is going on in the mountains in ground varying in altitude as much as 1000 meters per kilometer. The mountains are still partly covered with snow, and the transportation of supplies is exceedingly difficult."

FRENCH RETAKE PT. DOUAUMONT IN FIGHT

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abandoned temporarily to avoid useless loss, recouping it when the opportunity came.

German Claims To Hold Fort.

Berlin, Germany, May 22.—(By wire)—Saville, L. I.—Announcement was made by the war office today that in the fighting north of Verdun the French have taken some first line positions of the Germans, but that Fort Douaumont remains firmly in German hands.

BULGARIA CLOSES MILITARY HOSPITALS; HAS NO WOUNDED

Sofia, Bulgaria, May 22.—The closing here recently of three of the largest military hospitals is an indication of how far removed Bulgaria is from the European war. The Balkan front has been quiet for weeks and the attack on Klyona is a matter concerning only the Austro-Hungarians. The Bulgarian army is resting on its arms. In a few days several other hospitals will be closed and that in charge of the Austro-Hungarian mission will be converted into an electro-therapeutic institute for the recovery of damaged limbs.

Nevertheless the Bulgarian government is calling to the colors the young men due to serve in the army. A great deal of reorganization is in progress, cooperation with the German and Austro-Hungarian troops having resulted in many a good lesson to the Bulgarian officers and general staff. Reequipping has also been undertaken.

NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK BY AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE

Paris, France, May 22.—The Norwegian Tjono steamer, Tjono, has been sunk near Alcudia, island of Majorca, by an Austrian submarine, according to a Havas dispatch today. The steamer on that island. The crew of 17 men were saved.

Personal.—Wanted information by his father, of the whereabouts of Larra K. Munroe of El Paso, Texas, last heard of at Alamogordo, New Mexico. Address: L. W. Munroe, 4 West Canton St., Boston, Massachusetts.—Adv.

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GERMANS HAVE FOOD DICTATOR

Batoeki is Appointed To Regulate Supplies and Prices For Empire.

Berlin, Germany, May 22.—Adolf Tordewitz von Batoeki, president of the province of East Prussia, has been appointed the central governing authority for the food situation throughout the German empire with power to distribute food supplies and regulate prices.

Dictator Was Expected.

London, Eng., May 22.—The appointment of a "food dictator" in Germany was forecast by the Cologne Gazette on May 15, following the resignation of Clemens Del Brueck as minister of the interior. The resignation of Del Brueck, ostensibly on account of ill health, was declared in unofficial dispatches from Berlin to be due to his failure to deal satisfactorily with the food situation.

Unequal distribution, due to the conflicting laws and rival authority of the various states of the empire, was blamed as the principal cause of the food problem. Von Batoeki is regarded as a very able organizer. He won high praise for his success in restoring order in East Prussia after that country had been ravaged by the Russians in the early months of the war.

Clemens Del Brueck has been decorated by the emperor with the order of the Black Eagle.

GERMAN FACTION URGES UNLIMITED USE OF U-BOAT

London, Eng., May 22.—The central board of the German national liberal party held a meeting in Berlin Sunday to consider the question of submarine warfare. A central news dispatch from Amsterdam says:

The board adopted a resolution referring to "the great value of submarine warfare against England's supremacy on the sea," and called upon the national liberal party in the Reichstag to urge unlimited use of the submarine weapon in that the United States does not intend to observe the conditions set forth in the last German note."

GERMANS ARE FAR BEHIND WITH THEIR DEATH LISTS

British Headquarters in France, May 22.—Confirmation of reports that the German casualty lists are so far in arrears that their total as issued from time to time is in no wise representative, is declared now to have been supplied. It is now known that the names of Germans taken prisoner and left dead in the trenches at the battle of Loos in September last have not been published as among the German missing.

GERMANS SENTENCE DUTCH CONSUL TO PRISON TERM

The Hague, Holland, May 22.—The Dutch ambassador in Berlin has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment for ten years at hard labor, on the charge of espionage. The nature of the charge against him is not disclosed.

FRENCH SHIP TORPEDOED

Marseilles, France, May 22.—Information received here today concerning the loss of the French steamship Langue-d'oeur, shows she was sunk in the Mediterranean on Saturday by a submarine.

POLICE PREPARE TO KEEP COMPLETE RECORD OF CASES

For the purpose of making a complete index of the activities of the police department, a new memorandum system has been installed by police chief Johnson, at the central station. On the memorandum system, complaint, accident, murder or arrest for misdemeanors is expected to be fully explained, for future reference by the desk sergeant or captain of the day as the case may be. In this manner all confusion is avoided in the opinion of officers, and the position of every man is always known to his superior officers.

JUDGE LECTURES SEVEN BOYS; ALL ARE RELEASED

Seven young boys, arraigned in corporation court Monday afternoon on charges of violating the curfew ordinance and destroying city park property, were released by Judge Paul Thomas, after a severe lecture, and a promise not to repeat the offense. According to the testimony of city park officials, the boys were playing in the park, and had done considerable damage to the grass and shrubbery by trampling on it. Added to this was a violation of the curfew ordinance, all of the boys being under the age of 16, and were arrested after 9 o'clock.

VAGRANT WOMEN ARRESTED; ONE FINED; TWO JAILED

Camelia Flores and Ramon Alcaraz, young Mexican women, were arrested Monday night by city detectives on charges of vagrancy and confined in the city jail. They will be given a hearing in corporation court before Judge Paul Thomas this afternoon.

Mrs. Flora Briggs of 2809 Alameda avenue, was assessed a fine of \$15 by Judge Thomas Monday afternoon on a charge of vagrancy, while three other women were sentenced to serve 10 days each in the city jail.

LEWIS-O'BRIEN COMPANY OPENS AT THE CRAWFORD

The Lewis-O'Brien company, succeeded the Mazda Girls at the Crawford theater Monday night in "The Dashing Widow." The new company is presenting dramatic plays with a devil between the acts, making it a continuous performance. Chorus numbers are promised during the action of the different shows, as well as the members of the chorus arrive.

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New Records for June

There is unusual variety in this month's list of records, ranging from sparkling light opera airs like "Kiss Me Again" from "Mile. Modiste" to the solemn magnificence of compositions like the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah." These four records taken from the list, including by far the most perfect quartet recordings so far achieved, would make

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| 10 inch 75c | MAHINA MALAMALAMA. Waltz. Hawaiian guitar duet. | 10 inch 75c | EVER OF THEE. (Hall) Taylor Trio. |

New Recordings by Great Concert Artists

Graveyard sings with poetic feeling Tom Moore's song "She is Far From the Land"; Kathleen Parlow plays Drigo's "Serenade" and Dvorak's "Indian Lament in G Minor" with insight and shining artistry; Marie Sundelius delights her admirers with two more lovely ballads; Henri Scott and Godowsky add four gems to their repertoire—a veritable feast of art.

Then there are eight rhythmic, swinging dance records ("They Didn't Believe Me," from "The Girl from Utah," is one of the best); the first records by H. M. Grenadier Guards, England's greatest band; accordion novelties; orchestral gems; comic, sacred and trio records (two of them by the Trio de Lutece)—altogether a list to make you eager to see your dealer this month. Drop in at the nearest Columbia store—the first chance you get today.

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UNIONS TAKE A SWAT AT REYES

Will Ask City Council Not To Allow Him to Use the Parks For Concerts.

The Central Labor union, at its meeting Monday night, decided to ask the public not to support the movement looking to the employment of Reyes' Mexican band of Juarez, for concerts in El Paso during the coming summer. It is probable also that the union men will file a protest with the city council asking them not to permit the use of bandstands in the city parks for these concerts.

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